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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS-POST OF DIRECTOR UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

1. SITUATION RE POST OF DIRECTOR DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

APPEARS BE AS FOLLOWS.

2. WE ARE ADVISED THAT MARTENS IS LEAVING OCT 1 TO TAKE UP
NEW POSITION STOCKHOLM AND HAS SO INFORMED WINSPEARE. THERE-
FORE QUESTION OF MARTENS' SUCCESSOR TO POST OF DIRECTOR DND
IS PRESUMABLY NOW ACTIVE CONSIDERATION UNNY.

3. CANDIDATES APPEAR INCLUDE: UN DND NARCOTICS LABORATORY
DIRECTOR BRANENDEN; HUNGARIAN GOVT OFFICIAL BAYER; WHO
OFFICIAL LING; TOGOLESE GOVT OFFICIAL JOHNSON-DAGBEGNIKIN.

4. NORWEGIAN GOVT IS STRONGLY SUPPORTING BRAENDEN AND HAS
MADE DEMARCHE TO SYG ON BEHALF OF HIS CANDIDACY. WE UNDER-
STAND THAT SYG DECLINED INDICATE ANY POSITION BUT MADE
UNFAVORABLE NOISES TO EFFECT HE HAS HEARD FROMW WITHIN THE
HOUSE (ALMOST CERTAINLY FROM HIS DAUGHTER) THAT BRAENDEN IS
NOT EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR.

5. RUMORS PERSIST HERE THAT BAYER MAY BE UNDER SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION OF THAT GAME MAY BE TO MAKE NO APPOINTMENT
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AND PERMIT POLISH DND DEPUTY DIRECTOR MICUTA TO SERVE

INDEFINITELY IN ACTING CAPACITY. IN VIEW MUTUALLY
SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MICUTA AND SYG'S
DAUGHTER, WE REGARD LATTER AS DISTINCT AND UNFORTUNATE POSSIBILITY.

6. FOR REASONS KNOWN WASH AND USUN, WE WOULD VIEW WITH
DISMAY EITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES OR INDEED APPOINTMENT
OF ANY CANDIDATE EXCEPT BRAENDEN.

7. WE WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE USUN'S TAKING READING ON
SITUATION. IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, WE WOULD HOPE THAT
RENEWED DEMARCHE COULD BE MADE BY U.S. TO SYG ON
BEHALF BRAENDEN'S CANDIDACY AND ON BEHALF HIS APPOINTMENT
AS DND DIRECTOR BY DATE MARTENS' DEPARTURE, NAMELY, SEPT 30.
WOULD ALSO BE MOST HELPFUL IF USUN COULD COORDINATE WITH
NORWEGIAN MISSION AND ENCOURAGE THEIR ARRANGING SUPPLE-
MENTARY DEMARCHE TO BE MADE BY OTHER GOVTs TO SYT TO
SAME EFFECT. SINCE BRAENDEN'S APPOINTMENT IS ESSENTIAL
FOR MAINTENANCE CONTINUITY AND HIGH LEVEL OF UN INTEREST
TURKISH PROGRAM, WE ASSUME TURKISH MISSION WOULD BE
PREPARED ASSIST.

8. RE BRAENDEN'S CAPACITY AS ADMINISTRATOR, MENTION MIGHT
BE MADE THAT AMS AND PREVIOUS UN MANAGEMENT SURVEYS HAVE
REPEATEDLY EXEMPTED NARCOTICS LABORATORY FROM CRITICISM
MADE OTHERWISE CONCERNING MANAGEMENT OF DND. POINT
MIGHT ALSO BE MADE THAT BRAENDEN'S OUTSTANDING PER-
FORMANCE AS DIRECTOR OF UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY HAS
BEEN RECOGNIZED BY SPEAKERS IN CND AND THAT HE IS IN
FACT ONLY DND OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT IN
RECENT SESSIONS BY NAME FOR SUCH SPECIAL ACCLAIM. DALE

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